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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
Security Committee

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Minutes  
Two Hundred and Twenty-seventh Meeting  
Wednesday, 30 January 1980, 1000-1210 Hours  
Room 7E62, Langley Headquarters Building

Robert W. Gambino  
Chairman  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert B. Finzel, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
[REDACTED], Defense Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Merrill T. Kelly, Department of the Army  
[REDACTED], Central Intelligence Agency  
[REDACTED], National Security Agency  
Col. Nathan Lindsay, Office Secretary of the Air Force, Space  
Systems  
Mr. D. Jerry Rubino, Department of Justice  
Mr. Dennis Southern, Department of the Treasury  
Mr. George Weisz, Department of Energy  
Mr. Richard L. Welch, Department of the Navy

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Berkin, Department of the Navy  
Mr. Martin J. Dowd, Department of Energy  
Mr. James W. Gerblich, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Mr. Ramon R. Hart, Office Secretary of the Air Force,  
Space Systems  
Mr. David McCabe, Department of State

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[REDACTED] National Security Agency  
Lt. Col. Ernest V. Peterson, Department of the Air Force  
[REDACTED] National Security Agency  
Mr. Edward P. Walsh, Department of the Treasury/Secret Service

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ALSO PRESENT

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[REDACTED] Defense Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Maynard C. Anderson, Office of Secretary of Defense

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\* [REDACTED], Central Intelligence Agency  
[REDACTED] Defense Intelligence Agency

Mr. Cyril E. Frank, Justice/Drug Enforcement Agency

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[REDACTED], National Security Agency  
[REDACTED] Central Intelligence Agency  
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Mr. Donald Stigers, Department of State  
[REDACTED] Central Intelligence Agency  
[REDACTED] Executive Secretary, Security Committee  
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\* Present for part of meeting

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PRELIMINARY COMMENTS

a. Mr. Gambino advised of his planned retirement on 8 February, and thanked members and subcommittee and working group chairmen for their support. He expressed his pleasure in Committee accomplishments, and noted that the professionalism of those involved in Community security efforts had been a major supporting factor. Mr. Gambino said he looked for continued improvement in such areas as timely coordination and cooperative participation. He noted that the more positive attitude toward security in the Congress and the press indicated good future prospects for enhanced security measures. (U)

b. Mr. Southern, Treasury, introduced Mr. Edward Walsh, Secret Service, as a new alternate member. (U)

25X1A c. The Chairman briefly summarized the genesis and evolution of the APEX compartmentation system. He then introduced [REDACTED], Special Assistant to the DCI for Compartmentation, to speak on current status and future plans. [REDACTED] noted that the final report of the APEX working group had been published in December, and that in January a Presidential decision established and directed the use of the system. He advised of the establishment of an APEX Steering Group and a support staff, and said that implementation actions would follow the phasing set out in the December final report. [REDACTED] noted that the APEX Government manual was almost finished, with the industrial version close behind. He referred to the White House direction to reduce circulation of the National Intelligence Daily, and instruction to use the APEX System's [REDACTED] compartment to control a supplement to the National Intelligence Daily to a very restricted list of addressees. He said [REDACTED] had been added to the DCI's FY 1981 Community budget to fund APEX, especially the 4-C computer system for recording and retrieval of access data. [REDACTED] advised that the old 4-C working group would soon reconvene to bring plans up to date, and that vigorous efforts would be needed to meet the October 1, 1980 schedule for going to contract. He noted that efforts

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were underway to prepare briefings for the many thousands who will need APEX access. He said APEX implementation would require Community input and support, and advised the he perceived the SECOM as having a significant role in that effort. (C)

Mr. Gambino noted that the President's decision to approve APEX required all to put their differences behind and work toward effective implementation. He said he was particularly encouraged by the funding commitment for 4-C. Mr. Gambino alerted the Compartmentation Subcommittee to expect considerable tasking on APEX, and requested that they respond in full cooperation and active participation. (C)

d. The Chairman advised of the status of pending SECOM projects:

(1) The DCID 1/14 adjudication guidelines, sent to the NFIB with NSA's footnote on optional use, were still with the DCI's Office of General Counsel in the process of coordination with NSA attorneys to try to resolve differences. (U)

(2) DCID 1/7, approved by SECOM and sent to the NFIB, was the subject of comments by Admiral Murphy in Defense suggesting further review of policy on use of NOFORN. Mr. Gambino said [REDACTED] would convene a small working group to deal with this. (U)

(3) The proposed revision of DCID 1/11 was still subject to residual differences. He said this proposal should be discussed at the April SECOM seminar. (U)

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ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 28 November 1979 meeting were approved as written. (U)

ITEM 2: Subcommittee and Working Group Reports

a. Compartmentation - Lt. Col. Peterson, for Col. Kamm, said their working group had developed a proposed APEX secrecy agreement, agreed to by all except NSA. He delivered the proposed agreement to Mr. Gambino. (U)

b. Computer Security - [REDACTED] said their planned revision of DCID 1/16 would reflect evolving APEX requirements. (U)

25X1A c. R&D - [REDACTED] said they hoped to have their report on emergency destruction ready for the next SECOM meeting. He advised that they were attempting to get Community agreement on destruction standards, but that NSA had neither agreed nor definitively disagreed with the proposed standard. 25X1A In response to [REDACTED] suggestion that NSA might agree to a lesser standard for emergency destruction [REDACTED] said Community agencies would be most unlikely to purchase two destruction systems - one for regular use and another for emergency conditions. In response to a question from 25X1A Mr. Gambino, [REDACTED] said some preliminary work has been done on emergency [REDACTED] 25X1A Mr. Welch advised that Navy executive agent efforts within Defense to develop emergency destruction capabilities had not proceeded as rapidly as hoped for due to lack of senior level interest. 25X1A [REDACTED] noted that a DIA staff officer [REDACTED] [REDACTED] compiled useful data on what had been done or planned on this subject. [REDACTED] said research was still in progress on methods for tagging sensitive documents to signal their removal from authorized spaces. (C)

d. Unauthorized Disclosures Investigations - [REDACTED] advised that the Department of Justice decision not to prosecute an enlisted man for loss and mishandling of classified documents at his duty post [REDACTED] had opened

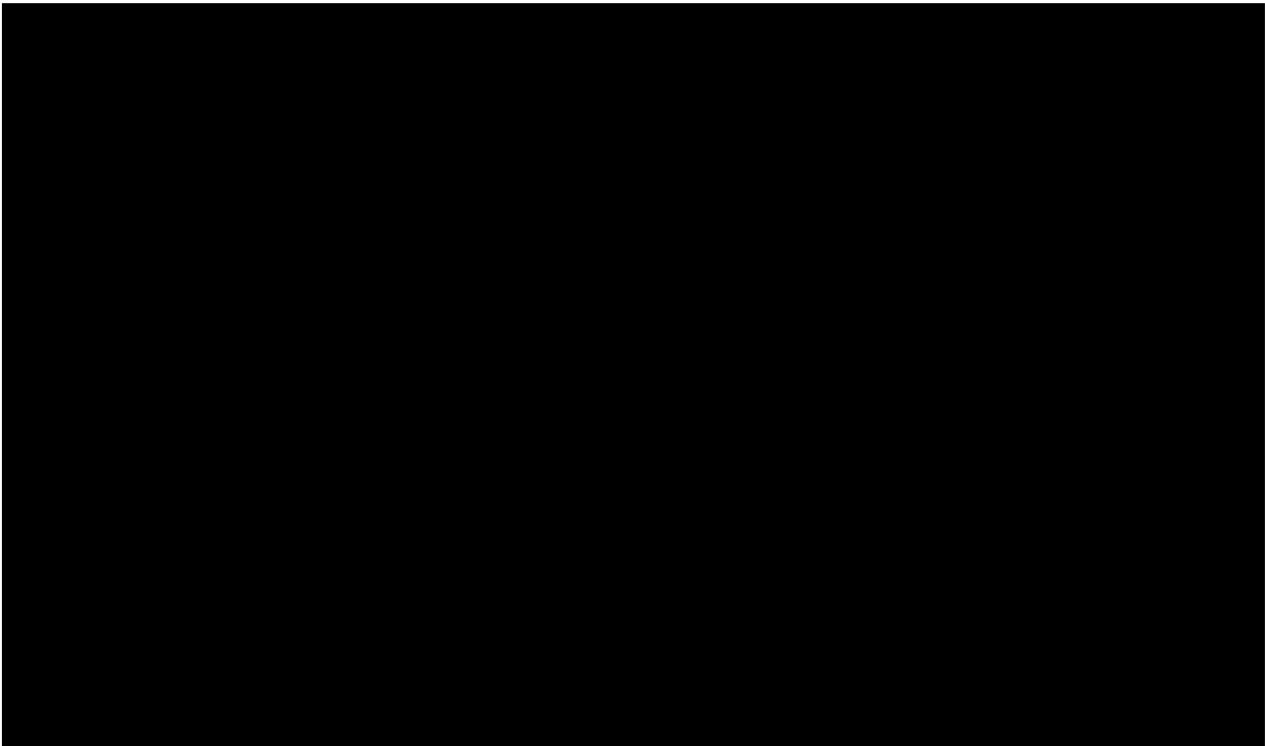
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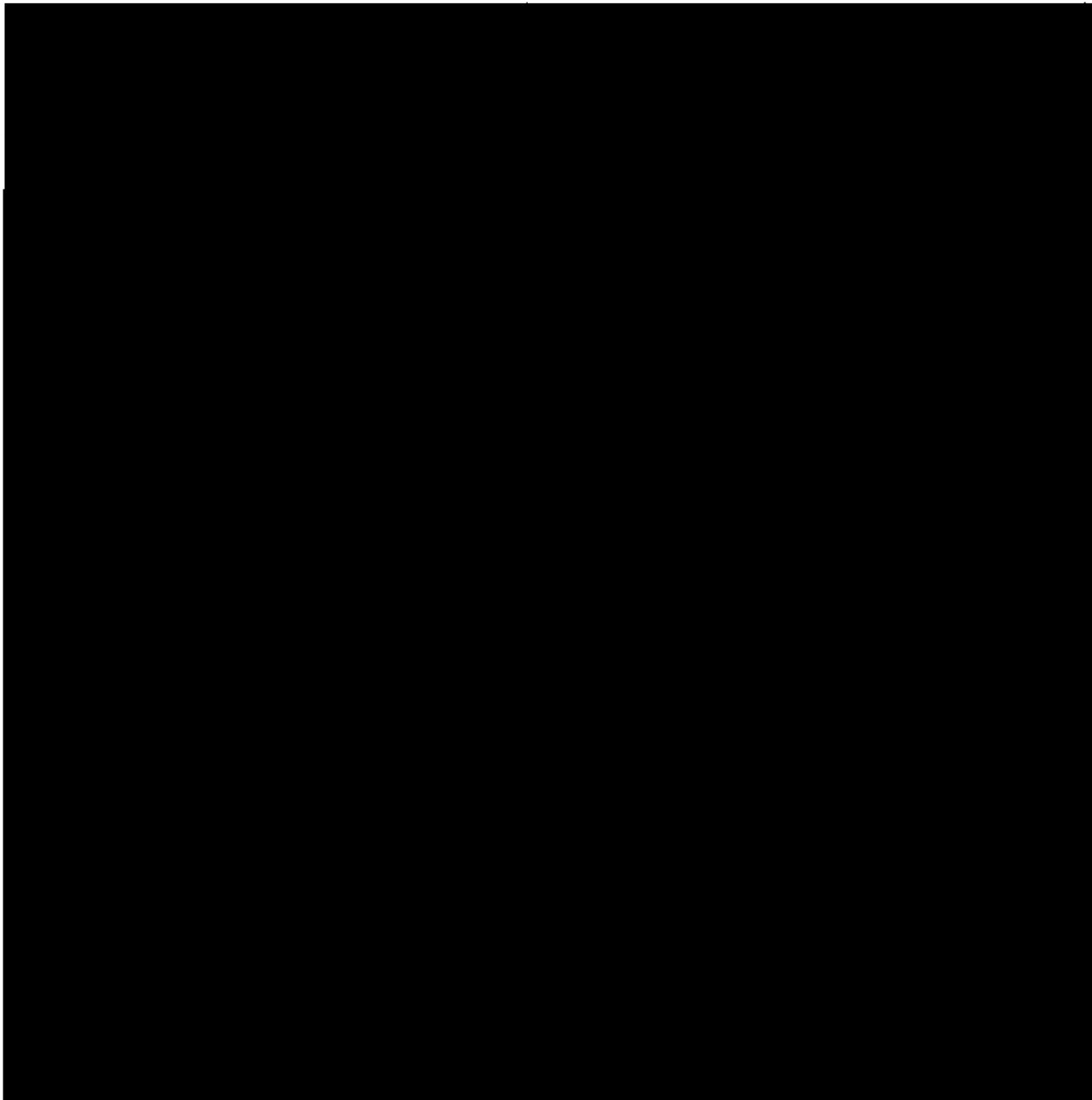
25X1A the way for possible court martial action. He noted that the long delay in getting the Justice ruling could result in a speedy trial issue being raised against military justice proceedings. [REDACTED] reported that concern over a recent leak of sensitive COMINT on Soviet actions in Afghanistan had prompted efforts in Defense to try to tighten up review and release mechanisms. Committee members were also briefed on the recent loss of an Armed Forces Courier Service shipment. (S)

25X1A e. Security Awareness - [REDACTED] advised that in satisfaction of the SECOM task the Security Awareness Working Group had completed a briefing kit for senior officials. Mr. Gambino said this slide-tape presentation was very good, and suggested that members might like to see it. Several members, stating a compelling requirement for such a briefing package, asked about availability of copies. Mr. Gambino directed his staff to expend necessary funds to reproduce 25 copies for distribution to members. It was noted that recipient agencies and departments would have to provide their own projectors (\$400-\$500 range each). (U) 25X



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ITEM 4: Espionage Case Briefing

[REDACTED] DIA, provided members an information packet on and summarized data concerning the defection to West Germany

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ITEM 5: SECOM Seminar - April 1980

All members except [REDACTED] and Messrs. Weisz and Southern plan on attending. Mr. Weisz asked if alternates could attend for principals. Mr. Gambino said it was strongly preferred that only principals attend for purposes of management overview and commitment to new courses and to flexibility toward them. He added that Mr. Weisz's request would be reviewed and advice provided in response. Mr. Gambino asked invitees to provide inputs on agenda topics to [REDACTED] in writing. He stressed the usefulness of such seminars and the importance of setting and following a tight schedule to ensure the best results. Col. Lindsay suggested that the wide-ranging potential impact of the APEX system might make it useful to have [REDACTED] in attendance. The Chairman, noting last years guest appearance by the DCI's General Counsel, left it to the members to consider the desirability of invitational participation. (U)

ITEM 6: New Business

a. Mr. Welch suggested reconsideration of Community security policy on travel to the USSR for the Olympics specifically and on travel to Community countries generally, in recognition of the change in U.S.-Soviet relations. Mr. Gambino noted that current policy permitted Community

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agencies to impose their own prohibitions against such travel. Discussion showed a consensus for considering a new policy prohibiting unofficial travel to the USSR. It was acknowledged that the specific security basis for this was thin, and that any such prohibition should be limited to cases of current access to SCI. It was agreed that a policy proposal on this would be prepared by the staff for coordination by members. (U)

25X1A b. [REDACTED] distributed a memorandum calling into question the use of the marking "sensitive" on SCI material provided the Congress, and recommending SECOM consideration of alternative markings more in keeping with E.O. 12065 requirements. He asked that this be considered by the Committee at an early meeting. (U)

c. Mr. Rubino thanked Mr. Gambino for arranging for installation of a secure phone for use by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. Mr. Rubino described problems encountered in getting NSA/GSA approval for another model of secure phone. He suggested that others planning similar installations be meticulous in their advance coordination to ensure eventual approval. (C)

ITEM 7: Next Meeting

The Chairman scheduled the next regular meeting of the Committee for Wednesday, 27 February, at CIA Headquarters. Mr. Kelly then complimented Mr. Gambino for outstanding performance as chairman. All joined in hearty applause in token of their agreement with these sentiments. (U)

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Mr. Gambino

1. Attached for your review, prior to release, are the minutes of the 30 January 1980 SECOM Meeting.

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